



STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: Hematite iron ore, also known as "red ore" or "natural ore," was first discovered on the Mesabi Iron Range in 1866; and

WHEREAS: Beginning with the first iron ore shipment in 1892 through 1984, approximately two billion tons of red ore was shipped from the Mesabi Iron Range; and

WHEREAS: New mineral processing technology was developed and put into operation to reclaim hematite concentrate from abandoned natural ore tailings, basins, and red ore stockpiles in 2009; and

WHEREAS: From 2009 to 2014, more than \$400 million will have been invested and nearly a thousand jobs created as part of the "red ore renaissance" to reclaim high value iron ore concentrate from the legacy red ore resources of the Mesabi Range; and

WHEREAS: The latest plant investment of \$155 million near the old Canisteo Mine in Itasca County creates several hundred jobs, generates millions in regional economic benefits, paves the way for additional investments in the future, and maximizes environmental stewardship of our precious iron ore resources in Minnesota.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim
Thursday, May 22, 2014, as:

RED ORE RENAISSANCE DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State
of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol
this 22nd day of May.


GOVERNOR


SECRETARY OF STATE